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**REQUEST
FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
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Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. §132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA)

Application No.	09/516,753
Filing Date	March 1, 2000
First Named Inventor	Jacob Richter et al.
Group Art Unit	3731
Examiner Name	Bui, Vy Q.
Atty Docket No.	4303-4003US1

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. §1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. Submission under 37 C.F.R. §1.114

- a. Previously submitted
 - i. Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 previously filed on _____. (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
 - ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____.
 - iii. Other: _____
- b. Enclosed
 - i. Amendment/Reply
 - ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
 - iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
 - iv. Other: Form PTO 1449 and cited reference; and Petition for Extension of Time

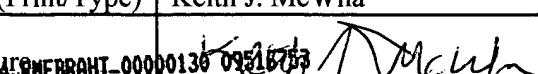
2. Miscellaneous

- a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. §1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i) required)
- b. Other: _____

3. Fees The RCE fee under C.F.R. §1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. §1.114 when the RCE is filed

- a. The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 13-4500.
 - i. RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e)
 - ii. Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§1.136 and 1.17)
 - iii. Other
- b. Check in the amount of \$770.00 for RCE fee and \$110 for extension fee are enclosed.
- c. The Director is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 13-4500 Order No. 4303-4003US1

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

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Appl. No. : 09/516,753

Applicants : Gregory Pinchasik et. al.

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Title : LONGITUDINALLY FLEXIBLE STENT

Art Unit : 3731

Examiner : Vy Q Bui

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Sir:

In response to the Office action of February 6, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows, a petition and fee for a one month extension of time to respond is attached:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 11 of this paper.